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In re Patent Application of

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For: A METHOD OF DETECTING  
GENETIC TRANSLOCATIONS  
IDENTIFIED WITH  
CHROMOSOMAL ABNORMALITIES  
(as amended)



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**REPLY & AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§1.111, 1.116, & 1.119**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed March 25, 1999, please amend the above-cited application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

L Please add the following new claims:

-- ~~162.~~<sup>27</sup> A method of staining target chromosomal DNA to detect in an interphase cell one or more genetic translocations identified with chromosomal abnormalities, said method comprising:

(a) providing a heterogeneous mixture of two or more nucleic acid probes having a combined complexity of about 50 kb, which probes contain nucleic acid